

# FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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## Preventing Youth Suicides: Opportunity to Talk with an Expert

As recently released information has shown, suicide has surpassed homicide as a cause of death among Indiana teenagers ages 15-19. In addition, a statewide survey of Hoosier teens reveals an increase in the risk behaviors associated with suicide.

Indiana Youth Institute (IYI) will host a free audio conference and Webinar featuring Colleen Carpenter, coordinator of the Indiana Suicide Prevention Coalition. This audio conference is available via telephone, with an optional visual Webinar, on Wednesday, July 18 at 2 PM (Indianapolis time). Speak directly with an expert on how to prevent youth suicides by learning the warning signs and knowing how to respond. This audio conference will provide practical information you need to know about this vital topic. There is no limit on the number of people who can participate.

Register for the audio conference and Webinar at [http://www.iyi.org/audio\\_conference/registration](http://www.iyi.org/audio_conference/registration) or by calling 1-800-343-7060. If you would like to read IYI's recent Issue Alert on youth suicide, visit [http://www.iyi.org/issue\\_alert/suicide](http://www.iyi.org/issue_alert/suicide)



## Turning the Corner

Latino Community Partnerships for Fitness and Health:  
Evidence-based Strategies to Address the Obesity Epidemic in Latino Communities

July 9, 2007  
McKenna Hall  
University of Notre Dame

The University of Notre Dame's Institute for Latino Studies and College of Science will host a one-day conference highlighting Latino Community Partnerships for Fitness and Health. It will take place in McKenna Hall at The University of Notre Dame on July 9, 2007. The event will begin with a continental breakfast at 8:30 AM and conclude by 4:30 PM. The conference will highlight Latino community-based initiatives to promote physical activity and healthy eating. Exemplary programs addressing obesity in both children and adults will be presented and the distinctive contributions made to successful efforts by health professionals, educators, leaders of faith-based organizations and other community leaders will be highlighted. Funding sources to support initiatives to address obesity also will be discussed.

There is no cost and lodging will be provided in South Bend for up to 50 out-of town participants. Individuals from Indiana, metropolitan Chicago and Michigan who are already involved in efforts to address obesity, or are seriously interested in becoming involved in such efforts are encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Maria Elena Bessignano, 574-631-3481 or at [bessignano.1@nd.edu](mailto:bessignano.1@nd.edu).

## Podcasting Grants for Educators

Podcasts are digital audio files used to share information electronically. Tool Factory, in partnership with Olympus America, Inc., is sponsoring a podcasting grant designed to strengthen education through the use of such technology. K-12 and special education schools (public, private, and charter) in the US, its territories, and Canada are eligible to apply. The deadline for applications is **June 30<sup>th</sup>**. To learn more, visit:

[http://www.toolfactory.com/olympus\\_contest/olympus\\_podcasting.htm](http://www.toolfactory.com/olympus_contest/olympus_podcasting.htm)



## GameStop and Plum Grants from Do Something

Do Something and GameStop are offering youth grants to anyone in the US or Canada, 25 or under, who has a great idea for a community action project. One winner is awarded a \$500 grant each week. For more information, go to [http://www.dosomething.org/gamestop\\_grants](http://www.dosomething.org/gamestop_grants)

Plum Grants are available for anyone in the US, 25 or under, who has already started a community action project and needs a little money to keep it going. Plum grants are awarded every week in the amount of \$500. To learn more, visit [http://www.dosomething.org/plum\\_grants](http://www.dosomething.org/plum_grants)



## BackPack Attack 2007 has begun!

To be successful in school, children need the tools that are essential for learning. Every fall, 70 percent of Indianapolis Public School students (28,000) can't afford the basic school supplies that they need to begin their school year. BackPack Attack coordinators are seeking contributions of basic school supplies from businesses and organizations in Indianapolis until July 27<sup>th</sup>. Here's how you can help: (1) Conduct a school supply collection drive at your workplace or in your organization. They will provide you with the training and materials that you need to have a successful supply drive; or (2) make a tax-deductible financial donation and they will purchase the school supplies for you. Please make checks payable to "Backpack Attack" and mail to Bridges to Success, 3901 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, 46208.

For more information about this program or to sign up for your own supply collection drive, contact DD Waldron at 317-921-1261 or [dd.waldron@uwci.org](mailto:dd.waldron@uwci.org) or visit <http://www.backpackattackindy.org/>

**Upcoming Training  
Opportunities**

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**June 25 11am-2pm  
Marketing on a Shoestring Budget**

Topic: Marketing

Location: Walden Inn &amp; Conference Center, 2 West Seminary, Greencastle, IN

Sponsored by: Putnam County Community Foundation

For more information: Jillian Miller (765)742-8241, <http://www.inrn.org/calendar/calendar.aspx>

Fee: \$10

**June 26 9am-4pm  
Fundraising 101**

Topic: Fundraising

Location: United Way of Porter Co., 951 Eastport Centre Dr., Valparaiso, IN

Sponsored by: Bison Financial

For more information: Jillian Miller (765)742-824, <http://www.inrn.org/calendar/calendar.aspx>

Fee: \$40

**June 28 9am-2pm  
Strategic Planning**

Topic: Strategic Planning

Location: Anthony Wayne Boy Scout Office, 8315 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN

Sponsored by: United Way of Elkhart County

For more information: Jillian Miller (765)742-824, <http://www.inrn.org/calendar/calendar.aspx>

Fee: \$30, \$35

**June 28 8-9:30am  
Business Networking Series**

Topic: Networking

Location: Sam Jone's Center/Diversity and Race Relations Institute 777 Indiana Ave. Indianapolis, IN

Sponsored by: Indianapolis Urban League

For more information: Aisha Sabur-Jarvis (317)693-7652,

Fee: None

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*"You cannot hope to build a better world without improving the individuals. To that end each of us must work for our own improvement, and at the same time share a general responsibility for all humanity, our particular duty being to aid those to whom we think we can be most useful."*

Marie Curie